

Latest arrangements on LCSD public services

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (July 13) that, in view of the latest situation of COVID-19, further measures have to be adopted to maintain social distancing. The leisure and cultural venues/facilities reopened earlier will be temporarily closed starting from July 15 (Wednesday) until further notice. The recreational, sports and cultural programmes to be held in July will also be cancelled.

Outdoor leisure venues/facilities including tennis courts, bowling greens, sports grounds, Ngau Chi Wan Park Archery Range, Shek O Obstacle Golf Course, Tuen Mun Recreation and Sports Centre, grass pitches, artificial turf soccer pitches, hard-surface pitches, gateball courts, table tennis tables, barbecue sites, skateparks, roller skating rinks, roller hockey grounds, skateboard grounds, outdoor fitness equipment, model car play areas, model boat pools, cycling facilities (except for cycle paths), amphitheatres, public swimming pools, beaches, water sports centres; holiday camps and Pui O Campsite will be temporarily closed.

All indoor sports facilities including sports centres, squash centres and badminton centres will also be closed on July 15.

Passive/Amenity areas at LCSD's parks (such as lawns and benches in parks) and outdoor jogging tracks at parks will remain open.

Meanwhile, all booking applications for the department's land-based recreation and sports facilities in July will be suspended. The LCSD will also suspend group booking for public swimming pools in July. Application for use of amphitheatres and non-fee charging leisure venues for non-designated use/sales activities will continue to be suspended until further notice.

For refund arrangements in relation to venue closures, the hirer may submit a completed refund application form together with the original booking permit to the LCSD booking office at a District Leisure Services Office or to relevant leisure venues by post. The application form can be downloaded from www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/aboutlcsd/forms/refund.html.

All public libraries and their students' study rooms will be temporarily closed.

All book drop services of the Hong Kong Public Libraries and those located at three MTR stations as well as the self-service library stations at Island East Sports Centre Sitting-out Area, the Hong Kong Cultural Centre and Tsuen Nam Road, Tai Wai will also suspend services. Public libraries will continue to provide online services such as e-Books and e-Databases.

All museums, performance venues and music centres of the Music Office will be temporarily closed. All major facilities of performance venues will

not be opened before the end of July; all public programmes at museums will be suspended.

The URBIX outlets and ticket dispensing machines at LCSD performance venues will also be closed. URBIX will maintain internet and mobile app ticketing and hotline services.

Refund arrangements in relation to the closure of cultural facilities will be announced in due course.

The LCSD will continue to monitor the situation closely and review the arrangements in a timely manner.